

Poetry.

PRAY.

Father, the shadows deepen,
Frost gathers on the pane;
In the long twilight waiting,
Courage would surely wane;
But that I can remember
The time at home for prayer;
And will I know that always
My name is mentioned there.
Sister, the morn is rising,
The night was filled with song,
The day is made for labour,
And to-day am strong;
Yet pray, lest I should falter,
Pray Christ to hold me fast.
In all my thoughts and wishes
His will be first and last.

Dear heart, hath He not promised
Always at hand to be?
What canst thou do but trust Him,
Whatever thou mayst see?
He keeps thee from evil,
He knows thou art not lost,
Hold fast what He hath given,
And for the unseen, trust!

C. M. WEDGEWOOD.

SIGN-BOARD.

I will paint you a sign, run-seller,
And hang it above your door;
A truer and better sign-board
Than ever you had before.
I will paint with the skill of a master,
And many shall pause to see
This wonderful piece of painting,
So like the reality.

I will paint yourself, run-seller,
As you wait for that fair young boy,
Just in the morn of manhood,
A mother's pride and joy.
He has no thought of stopping,
But you greet him with a smile,
And you seem so blithe and friendly,
That he pauses to chat awhile.

I will paint you again, run-seller,
I will paint you as you stand,
With a frowning glass of liquor,
Holding in either hand.
He wavers, but you urge him:
"Drink! pledge me just this once!"
And he lifts the glass, and drains it,
And the helioid work is done.

And I next will paint a drunkard;
Only a year has flown,
But into this loathsome creature
The fair young boy has grown.
The work was quick and rapid;
I will paint him as he lies
In a torpid, drunken slumber,
Under the wintry skies.

I will paint the form of the mother,
As she kneels at her darling's side—
Her beautiful boy that was dearer
Than all the world beside.
I will paint the shape of a coffin,
Labelled with one word—"Lost!"
I will paint all this, run-seller,
I will paint it free of cost.

The sin, and the shame, and sorrow,
The crime, and want, and woe,
That are born there in the run-shop,
No hand can paint, you know.
But I'll paint you a sign, run-seller,
And many shall pause to view
This wonderful swinging sign-board,
So terribly, fearfully true.

The Fireside.

THE TRUSTY KNIFE.

BY MRS. E. V. HILL.

Fred had been forbidden to climb the fence which separated his yard from the neighbor's; not only because he might tear his clothes, or hurt himself on the sharp pickets, but because just over the other side grew a young apple tree, loaded with golden pippins.

One warm day, however, as Fred was lying in the garden, he happened to turn his sleepy eyes toward the tree. The luscious fruit arrested his attention, and he began mechanically to count how many apples he could see. As he counted, he became more and more interested and wide awake, and at length eagerly sprang up, that he might see to count them all. "Forty-eight, forty-nine, fifty; ain't that a lot on that little tree? Yes, and here's another splendid big fellow, away out on the end of this limb! Don't he look good, though?"

Had Fred seen the tempter coiled in the tree, he would have turned and fled in great alarm; but the old deceiver was too cunning to betray himself in such a way. He slyly slipped into Fred's hand, and there whispered his deceitful words: "Take it—take it. Old Brown will never miss it. There's fifty big ones left; and besides, it hangs almost on your finger."

The covetous boy looked and longed, and the tempter urged again. "There's no harm in feeling it, any way. See how golden ripe it is. Just feel how mellow!"

Now, Fred knew it was "pleasant to the eye," and he was anxious to prove that it was "good for food," so he thought he would feel it if it were soft—not take it—oh, no! just feel it. He had that very morning prayed—"Lead me not into temptation!" but he did not try to answer his prayer; he went willingly into the way of evil.

Poor boy! all things conspired to try him. The day was warm, he was thirsty, and the luscious fruit hung so temptingly near! Why, he could almost reach it, without climbing—only just a few inches beyond his fingers. The failure of his first attempt only increased his desire to succeed, and Satan was ready with his suggestions to help him. He always has ready wit, and many expedients to help along an evil undertaking; so quickly suggested to Fred to run and get the tempter box from the wood-house. He could then reach the coveted apple, and yet not disclose his hunger by climbing the fence. He was particularly to keep the letter of his command, if he broke the spirit of it.

He got the box in position, leaped upon it, and soon had the tempting pippin in his grasp. "Oh, how beautiful it did look! how golden and mellow it was! There were several dents of his thumb in it already—tests of its richness. Surely it would taste good. Fred's mouth began to water. How he did long for it. He began to be almost afraid, his heart beat so under the influence of an imperious whisper, "Pick it—pick it, it!" but he reluctantly let go, and was about to turn away, when, as a last assault upon his honesty, Satan said: "Turn it around once, and see what a beautiful red cheek it has."

Fred grasped it again, and quickly turned it about, but in his haste twisted it a little too hard, and it parted from the stem. "There, I've got it now, sure enough; but really I didn't mean to pick it. How easy it came off! It must be pretty ripe, and most likely will rot in a few days, any way; so I might just as well have it as not."

He tried to think there was not much harm done; nevertheless, he went and "hid himself" while he ate the apple.

Fred had a new two-bladed knife, which had been given him as a birthday present, and of which he was very proud. With it he cut the apple, and found it sound to the core, and very fresh and juicy; but somehow he did not find that it was as good as he imagined. He was disappointed in the pippin; and after eating part of it, threw the rest into the thicket, out of sight.

When done with the knife, he thoughtfully closed it, still wet with the juice, and slipped it into his pocket. The next day he changed his mind, and, forgetting to take the knife out of the pocket, and hung them far back in the closet.

After several weeks, he had occasion to wear them again; and with a boy's natural instinct, thrust his hand the first thing into the depths of his pocket, as if to find wonderful treasures. "Hollo! what's this?" cried Fred, quickly withdrawing his right hand, when with joy he beheld the knife which he had mourned so long for these weeks past. He had much difficulty in opening it; and then his joy was turned to grief, for the large whittling blade was ruined, as he thought—completely covered with rust.

"How in the world did it get so?" he asked; but his memory, quickened by an avenging conscience, solved the mystery.

"It's the stolen apple stain," said Conscience, sternly; and between the faithfulness of the one, and the upbraidings of the other, he was at no loss to account for the injury done his knife.

He scoured and scoured, and tried many things to get rid of the rust, but he could not remove all the marks of his sharp teeth. It had eaten in too deeply, and only by long use would it wear away, if ever.

Every time Fred used his knife, his sin was brought to mind; and at last he was so troubled, that, like David, he could say, "My sin is ever before me." He was led to feel that the taking of the apple had left a much worse stain upon his soul. He no longer tried to make light of it, on account of the small value of the thing stolen, for he was led to realize that no sin is small in the sight of God.

He tried in vain to remove the stains from his knife. Would it be so hard to efface that upon his soul? The more he thought about it, the deeper it seemed to grow, and one night he was so troubled he could find no rest.

His mother's quick ear heard her restless boy, and with much anxiety she hastened to see if he were ill.

He told her all the story of his wrong, and late unrest, and anxiously asked, "Mother, what shall I do to get rid of the stain?"

She was a Christian mother, and knew by experience of an unending remedy for sin—so potent her troubled boy to the "blood of Christ, which cleanseth from all sin." Her tender heart yearned over her child, and she counselled and prayed with him, with godly wisdom and love—"The Lord is high upon them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as he is contrite spirit;" and Fred was not only sorry for his sin, but ready to confess and forsake them.

Early the next morning, he told Mr. Brown about his taking his apple, and gained his entire forgiveness, as was proven, not only by the warm grasp of the hand, as with trembling voice he said "God bless him!" but shortly after there was a basket of the apples sent to "Master Fred," which he considered a token of established friendship.

Fred is a man now, but he still possesses that rusty knife, which he has ever kept as a talisman from evil. Whenever tempted to do wrong, it has seemed to say to him, "Beware of the stain!" And then, too, it is almost a sacred treasure in his eyes, for its rusty blade was the means of leading him to the Saviour.

KEEP FAITH WITH THE LITTLE ONES.
Parents sometimes set very bad examples to their little ones in the way of keeping their promises made to their youngest child, involuntarily honor quite as much as any promise you make to any body in business or in society. It would be far better to go back a mile, or two miles, even though you should be tried completely by the additional fatigue, than to break the most casual word spoken to a little child, to whom you are the representative in this world of God, and for whose training you are responsible to God. Be careful how you make promises or threats; but having made, keep them.

Some people wickedly teach their little ones to lie, by imposing upon their infantile ignorance, by talk of mythical black men, rats, dark holes, and terrible things generally, that will happen or come to them, if they do or do not certain things. This, it seems to us, falls very plainly upon what Jesus calls "offending" the little ones; and there can be no excuse so severe for anything so cruel, so mean, and so false.

To sum up the whole matter: if you want your children to be true, be utterly true, as in God's sight, yourselves.—Christian at Work.

HOW JOHN MADE IT UP.—He had failed some where—in study or deportment, I cannot remember which—and his teacher told him he must stay after school. John seized a moment when the teacher's back was turned, and slid out of the door. She called after him to come back, but he pretended not to hear, and ran away. It was a cruel trick, he thought, and he bragged over it a little to the other boy; but he did not go to school the next day, nor the next. He did not feel like it.

At last he made his appearance again; but instead of the punishment he expected, his teacher, who was giving out the subjects for essays that day, only told him to write a composition about obedience. John took the meaning at once, and sat scratching his head and puzzling over his composition about half a day. Finally, he handed in the following, which is an actual copy of John's composition:

"When you tell me to do a thing, and he don't do it, it is called obeying; and when you tell me to do a thing, and he don't do it, it is called disobeying. And when a man or woman tells a boy or girl to do a thing, and he don't do it, it is called disobeying; and when a teacher tells a boy to do a thing, and he don't do it, it is called disobeying. The boy's name was John, and he did not obey his teacher; and when she called him back, he did hear her, and he will never do it again."

The teacher was satisfied.—*Yonah's Companion*
A Good Hint.—Little five-year old Annie, who was suffering from a bad cold, went to pay a visit to auntie. During the day she related her various successes at school, and ended by declaring that she could read a great deal better than Sabina, who was eight years old. "Well," questioned auntie, "would it not sound better if some one else said it?" "Yes," answered Annie, with a very sober countenance, "I think it would. I have cut a bad cold, that I can't say it very well."

"Do not want it all," said Mother, when papa gives you the money to buy your winter dresses, will you not buy some clothes for a poor little girl, with a part of it?" said a sweet Christian child; "I do not want to wear it all on my own self."

This is the spirit of Jesus, who pleased not Himself; and this spirit would clothe the naked, and feed the starving, and bless the comfortless on every hand.

CLEANING CASH SEATS.—Turn up the chair bottom, and with hot water and a sponge wash the same work, so that it may be thoroughly soaked. Should it be dirty, use a little soap. Let it dry in the air, and it will be as tight and firm as when new, provided the cane is not broken.

HOME HINTS.

CREAM PILLS.—One quart sweet milk, three and a half cups white sugar, six eggs, six tablespoonfuls of flour. Beat the eggs and sugar well together, make a smooth paste of the flour with a little water, and add to the eggs and sugar. Stir the milk hot, and pour into the vessel slowly, stirring the milk all the time. Set the vessel in boiling water, and cook until it thickens. Flavor with lemon or vanilla. Bake the crusts, take off the top one, and when cool, put the cream in the pie.

QUEEN OF PUDDINGS.—One pint bread crumbs, one quart sweet milk, yolks of four eggs, piece of butter size of an egg. Flavor and bake. Beat the white of the eggs to a froth, with one cup of pulverized sugar. Spread over the pudding a layer of jelly. Pour the eggs over, and brown slightly. Serve with cold cream.

CHEAP MUFFINS.—One egg broken in a pint of cold water, beat briskly till it foams; add four sufficient to make a thin batter, one teaspoonful of sugar, and salt to taste. Bake on ungreased mould—to be eaten white hot. They are excellent.

WAFERS.—One pint cold grist, one egg, one pint sweet milk, one teaspoonful of yeast powder, one pint flour, one teaspoonful sugar, and a little salt. Beat to a smooth batter. It makes the nicest waffles ever tasted.

RECENT USE OF SEA-WEED.—By subjecting seaweed to distillation with superheated steam, according to Sanford's process, instead of simply reducing it to ashes, as has hitherto been done, not only can illuminating gas, acetic acid, and combustible oils be obtained, but iodine, chloride of potassium, etc., can be extracted from the residue. The charcoal residue also possesses an unusual deodorizing power, and can be used for disinfecting water-closets, in such manner as to constitute a source of ammonia, by further distillation.

TO BAKE OR ROAST SWEET POTATOES.—Wash them clean, and wipe them dry; place them in a quick oven, in the hot ashes of a wood or coal fire, in a Dutch oven. They will take from half an hour to one hour, according to size.

FRUITFUL OIL.—Mix half a pint of olive oil with one pound of soft soap. Boil them well, and apply the mixture to your soiled furniture with a piece of cotton wool. Polish with soft dry flannel.

THE FARM.

Manure for Cucumbers.—There is no special manure that is equal to barn-yard manure for any crop. But if barn-yard manure cannot be procured, the next best fertilizer is a mixture of guano, or hen-manure, wood-ashes, plaster and the bone-dust in about equal proportions. They should be mixed quite dry, and used as soon after mixing as possible.

Grafting Wax.—To make grafting wax, take two parts mutton tallow, three parts beeswax, one part resin; melt the tallow first, and put the beeswax and resin into it. When it is all melted, stir it all up, and pour it into cold water, and work it over. If there are lumps in it, mash them with the thumb and finger. The longer it is worked the more sticky it becomes. When it begins to stick to the hands, put some tallow on them. Work it till it is all sticky as you want it. Put it in a tin pan with a cover to it, and it will keep for a number of years. If there is too much tallow it will melt in warm weather. Wet the finger slightly in applying the wax. It makes a good plaster for sores.

Management of Sitting Hens.—A young hen that has been properly fed and protected during the winter, will be in a condition to produce, at a low estimate, one hundred eggs, which would bring from one to two dollars, according to locality from market. Hence, the thoughtful remark that the time of a sitting hen is of no practical value is not made by persons who have a reputation for being successful poultrymen. As it is somewhat expensive keeping hens, every one should be managed in such a manner that she will be producing eggs, or rearing a large brood of chickens. It is injudicious management to allow two hens to spend all their time during the summer clucking over and scratching for one chicken. Yet we frequently see it done.

Every hen ought to be made to pay her own expenses, and much more. As soon as she has ceased to lay, and shows that she is really in a condition to incubate, a good nest is made in a keg or half a barrel, and twelve to seventeen eggs, according to the size of the fowl, are placed in the nest. Every egg is marked with red chalk or a pencil, and the day of the month is written on a card attached to the nest-box, so that one may know at a glance when to look for chickens. The aim is always to have two hens commence the period of incubation as early as may be at one time; so that one, after the eggs in both nests are hatched, may take care of both broods, and the other may start at large, prepared for a short time, and then commence again to lay. Every hen that is allowed to incubate, is taken, nest and all, into some secluded and quiet apartment, where none but sitting fowls are permitted to enter. A dish of water, another dish containing dry meal, and still another filled with gravel, are kept, so that they need not leave their nests in search of food and drink, except for a few minutes.

It is said that a piece of lard, as large as a walnut, mixed with dough, will cause a hen to commence laying immediately after she has been broken up from sitting; and by giving her lard in this way they may be kept laying all winter.

PARKS.

CLARK'S ESSENCE OF RENNETT.
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TO TAKE EFFECT ON MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 1873.

TRAINS LEAVE.					TRAINS LEAVE.				
	EXP.	ACC.	FOR.	EXP.		EXP.	ACC.	FOR.	
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	
Halifax.....	7.50	10.15	3.00	4.00	St. John.....	8.00	10.30	2.35	
Windsor Junction.....	8.10	14.15	3.00	4.30	Moncton.....	9.10	12.16	4.15	
Shenouadensis.....	9.30	1.02	7.15	5.50	Halifax.....	10.15	2.15	6.25	
Truro.....	10.30	2.55	9.00	7.00	Shenouadensis.....	10.30	2.30	6.40	
Moncton.....	10.55	3.00	7.30	7.30	Truro.....	10.50	3.00	7.30	
St. John.....	11.00	3.10	7.40	7.40	Moncton.....	11.10	3.20	7.50	
Halifax.....	11.10	3.20	7.50	7.50	St. John.....	11.20	3.30	8.00	
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St. John.....	11.50	4.00	8.30	8.30	Moncton.....	12.00	4.10	8.40	
Halifax.....	12.00	4.10	8.40	8.40	St. John.....	12.10	4.20	8.50	
Shenouadensis.....	12.10	4.20	8.50	8.50	Halifax.....	12.20	4.30	9.00	
Truro.....	12.20	4.30	9.00	9.00	Shenouadensis.....	12.30	4.40	9.10	
Moncton.....	12.30	4.40	9.10	9.10					